

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues today to ask why the media has not reported on this atrocity that's been going on related to Dr. Gosnell. I rise as a Member of Congress, but also a minister.

I read an article just recently on this very issue that really brought to my attention what the problem is, why the media won't report. The article, talking about Dr. Gosnell, said:

He regularly and illegally delivered live, viable babies in the third trimester of pregnancy—and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors.

He overdosed his patients with dangerous drugs, spread venereal disease among them with infected instruments, perforated their wombs and bowels—and, on at least two occasions, caused their deaths.

Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But then, Mr. Speaker, it ends by saying, "But no one put a stop to it."

Until we stand as citizens of the United States, until ministers in the pulpit stand and speak for life itself, God-given, until we return to our foundational principles, the media, our Presidents, no one else will listen to the cries of these innocents. Mr. Speaker, it is time for America to stand in their defense.

#### THE GOSNELL TRIAL

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to express my horror at the accusations made in the trial of Kermit Gosnell, an abortionist in Pennsylvania. If these charges are true, they're horrific.

Let me speak from my heart. I am an OB/GYN physician who has delivered almost 5,000 babies. In my heart of hearts, I cannot imagine what must have gone on in the guise of health care in that abortionist clinic. It is physically nauseating for me to think about what this doctor did.

Life is a precious miracle, and the children who lost their lives in Philadelphia were blessed with this miracle only to have it so cruelly ripped away from them. Regardless of whether one is pro-life or pro-abortion, we should all agree that these children deserved a chance at life.

This country carries a responsibility and duty to protect those who do not have a voice, including the unborn children of America that represent our greatest silent minority. They're the most innocent among us and deserve the protections we afford to all other people in this great country.

One of government's most important duties is to protect the most vulnerable among us. I pledge to continue to remember and to strive toward this.

If found guilty, I expect the full weight of the law to be used to punish the accused.

I simply will finish by saying, as a reminder to all of us, what a precious gift of life our children are.

#### THE GOSNELL TRIAL

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I stand here again today to speak for the underprivileged women and children who suffered under the horrible acts of Dr. Gosnell. And again, as a father of two little girls, just like President Obama, I challenge President Obama to lead in this unspeakable case. It's time for the President to finally acknowledge these acts.

Mr. President, your silence on this issue is deafening. It's deafening, isn't it? When will you stand up and say that we must protect these women and children and ensure their safety? These acts are reprehensible and require your leadership without delay.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

#### FAA FLIGHT DELAYS

(Mr. RICE of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. I rise to speak about an entirely different topic today. And my topic pales in comparison to the death of children at the hands of this awful clinic, so please excuse me for the diversion.

What I rise to speak about today is the sequester and the effects on the Federal Aviation Administration. You see, in my State of South Carolina, our budget is actually less than it was 5 years ago. Whereas, in the last 5 years, the Federal budget has risen by 29 percent. In a time when hardworking Americans are tightening their belts, when State and local governments are tightening their belts, the Federal budget is up 29 percent. We run record deficit after record deficit. Yet with sequester, we're seeking a 2.4 percent cut—after a 29 percent rise in the last 5 years, 2.4 percent.

My State has cut its budget with minimal disruption because the Governor and the legislature have worked together to do exactly that, minimize disruption. This administration, on the other hand, is making every effort to make this 2.4 percent cut as painful as they possibly can.

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(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Having served in the city of Indianapolis city government, as well as working for the Federal Government as a United States Attorney and serving my citizens, that's what I thought Federal Government, city governments, and local governments were supposed to do—and

State governments. And I've worked at a State higher ed institution. That's what public institutions are supposed to do. They are supposed to serve, and they are supposed to serve citizens.

Many of us travel by air frequently, and we're grateful with the relative ease which air travel allows us to visit, whether it's distant loved ones or travel to conduct business.

Government is vitally important in the service to citizens in air travel. But once again, the Federal Aviation Administration is finding it more important to play politics with air travel and air service than to serve the citizens, which is what government is supposed to do.

The FAA has decided to implement President Obama's sequester by furloughing employees, like their air traffic controllers—vitally important to the service and safety of our country—and causing delays in up to 40 percent of U.S. flights.

This isn't the only way the FAA could save money. There are many other ways the FAA could save money, and they were provided the flexibility to save that money. But instead, in 2010 alone, the FAA spent \$8 million on employee conferences. There are many ways they are not serving us.

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(Mr. MICA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, FAA furloughs of air traffic controllers and threats to delay flights represent an absolutely colossal failure of this administration. The FAA and the Obama administration knew about sequestration. In fact, the FAA knows, and this chart shows that, in fact, air traffic is down some 27 percent in the last decade.

FAA failed to make reductions where air traffic has actually been reduced. The FAA knows which airports they can reduce their workforce. We've got a report here that outlines in detail where we have more air traffic controllers than we need.

The Obama administration is poking Congress and the American people, the flying public, in the eye. There's no reason for this mess. I will tell you this: if Ronald Reagan were President, this whole fiasco would have been over Monday morning.

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(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, these FAA flight delays have been in effect for less than a week and already the American people are suffering. FAA's financial mismanagement is now costing Americans time and money, and yet